



# No. 9 News

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## Legislative Update

Last Thursday night the Ethics ordinance was passed unanimously by the Metro Council. Since November I have chaired a bi-partisan work group which took the best from two competing ordinances to create a third new and improved Code of Ethics. Revisions included updating the complaint process, outlining responsibilities including attendance requirements for ethics commissioners which will ensure that ethics allegations will be dealt with expeditiously and in a more timely manner. It also broadened the definition of family member by adding seven (7) additional relatives who must be disclosed on financial disclosure forms if they are doing business with the City of Louisville or are employed by the City of Louisville. "I'm proud to be the Chairperson who brokered this compromise allowing each of us to support it without sacrificing our principles. It speaks highly of every member of the Committee."

## Black History Month Honoree, Gabe Fritz

On Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> the Community Affairs Committee held the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Month Program, "Reaffirming Our Diverse Culture". The Ninth District honoree was Gabe Fritz, who is a resident of the Clifton Heights neighborhood.

## Lexington Road Planting Great SUCCESS!

The fourth phase of the Lexington Road project took place last Saturday. The day started off a little cold, but when the sun came out it was a spectacular day! Volunteers from Korfage Landscaping and Design, Cave Hill Cemetery, Olmsted Conservancy, Whitehall, Green Haven Tree Care Inc, Plant Kingdom and residents from Cross Hill and Top Hill Roads all worked together to plant new trees along Lexington Road between Top Hill and Cross Hill. Most of the volunteers were friends of Tony and Shelly Nold, owners of the The Plant Kingdom on Westport Road, and we were doing the volunteer work in memory of the Nold's 15 year old son, Vincent, who passed away in January. To view a video from the event please visit, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WNAFLS99to>.

## Scholarships Available for GED Grads

Kentuckians who have taken the GED test since July 2009 and achieved at least a 2700 composite score may apply for a Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. The scholarships, worth up to \$1,500 per year, are administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). GED graduates may apply through Zip Access at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com). Interested GED graduates should apply as soon as possible, allowing adult education counselors adequate time to certify applicants for consideration before the June 30 deadline. GED recipients are chosen by an independent panel, based on GED scores and adult education counselor recommendations. For more information about Byrd Scholarships, call Danny McGaughey at (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7391. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); or write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ninth District Spring Cleanup

Please join me on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ninth District Spring Cleanup! We will meet at the Crescent Hill Library Parking Lot, 2762 Frankfort Avenue at 8:30 am. We will be providing bags and gloves to all the volunteers and t-shirts will be available to the first volunteers that arrive! Breakfast items will be provided by Clifton McDonalds and coffee will be available from Heine Brothers' Coffee. The cleanup will officially begin at 9:00 am. For more information or to sign up please call or email my office at 574-1109 or [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov).

## NO Junk Pick-up REMINDER!

As a reminder, there will be NO junk pickup in March. The next junk set-out period is June with collection the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have junk you need to dispose of before the June collection please visit the Louisville Metro Waste Reduction Center, 636 Meriwether Avenue to dispose of up to 3 household junk items at no charge. For more information on what items are accepted please visit, [http://www.louisvilleky.gov/SolidWaste/Junk+Disposal/SUBURBAN\\_AREAS.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/SolidWaste/Junk+Disposal/SUBURBAN_AREAS.htm).

## Ninth District Events!



Below are some Ninth District calendar events! To view a full listing of events please visit the **Ninth District Blog** at <http://district9news.wordpress.com/>.

If you would like to submit events to be considered for the blog calendar please email [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov) or call 574-1109.

**Wednesday, March 17:** The City of Louisville and Green Piece present a St. Patrick's Day **GREEN** celebration welcoming Dr. Anne Savage, Senior Conservation Biologist at Walt Disney World and founder of Proyecto Titi, Inc in Columbia, South America. From 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Glassworks, 815 W Market Street. RSVP to [louisvillegreenpiece@gmail.com](mailto:louisvillegreenpiece@gmail.com).

**Thursday, March 18:** Support group for loved one's of those with Alzheimer's and Dementia Disorder at Masonic Homes. 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in Administrative Board Room, Entrance 240, Masonic Home Drive. Spouses, children and caregivers of all types are invited to attend this monthly support group sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and Sally's Garden at Masonic Home. Refreshments are served. For more information visit, [www.masonichomesky.com](http://www.masonichomesky.com).

**Saturday, March 20:** Clifton Heights Greenway trail clearing and building is set for the first and third Saturday of each month. March 20, April 3, 17: 9 am to Noon. Plan to meet at the trail head at Lindsay Ave. and N. Birchwood Ave. Gloves, tools and loppers supplied. Wear sturdy shoes and long sleeves/pants. Bring your own water to drink. Call Kevin Downs at 777-5113 for more information.

**Saturday, March 20:** The Mayor's Neighborhood Toolbox Training, Bylaws Tune-Up, 9:00 - 9:15 am Registration and Networking, 9:15 am - Noon Seminar at Kosair Charities, 982 Eastern Parkway, Community Room. The training session is \$5.00. For more information call 574-3380.

**Sunday, March 21:** Join Edna Kubala who wrote, "Louisville's Butchertown" from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Hadley House, 1638 Story Avenue for a book signing event. For more information please visit, [www.historicbutchertown.com](http://www.historicbutchertown.com).

**Tuesday, March 23:** A Breakfast Seminar on Consumer Protection, 8:00 am Breakfast and Registration, 8:30 - 10:30 am Program at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 101 S. 5th Street. Burdened by high unemployment, mortgage default and foreclosure rates, our communities now face the growing threat of mortgage fraud and foreclosure rescue schemes. This seminar will help raise awareness of these issues and provide valuable information on consumers' credit rights and on reputable community resources consumers can turn to for help. FREE seminar but registration is required. Call or email Emily Lape at 568-9282 or [emily.k.lape@Stls.frb.org](mailto:emily.k.lape@Stls.frb.org).

**Wednesday, March 24:** A Workshop on the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credits from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm in Frankfort, KY, 202 Wilkinson Street. This one-day workshop will introduce you to the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit that is now available to owners of historic properties that are investing in the rehabilitation of those historic buildings. For properties that are for commercial use, the credit allowed is 20% of the amount invested by the owner over a 24 month period. For properties that are used as private residences the credit allowed is 30% of the amount invested. Non-profit organizations that own historic properties can also take advantage of this program by transferring the credits earned. Participants will have lunch at the Orlando Brown House (1835) and tour Liberty Hall (1796) to see the rehabilitation work already completed and hear about plans for work still to be done. Registration fee is \$40 and includes refreshments, lunch, tour and materials. For additional information or questions, call 502-227-2560 or e-mail [touradmin@libertyhall.org](mailto:touradmin@libertyhall.org).

**Wednesday, March 24:** At 7:00 pm, Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Ave, welcomes book club favorite Sarah Addison Allen for a reading from her newest novel, "The Girl Who Chased the Moon". Like her previous books, "The Girl Who Chased the Moon" is filled with humor, warmth, Southern charm, and just a touch of magic, a combination she dubbed "Southern-fried magical realism." For more information call 896-6950.

**Wednesday, March 24 - March 27:** Annual Oriental Rug Event at Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Avenue. This event will feature over 300 hand knotted rugs all made by fairly paid adults, from 2x3's to 10x14's. Rug event hours, Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.